

Champions Arise Study Guide
Series: The Four Priorities
Priority #3 – A personal, progressive commitment to relationships
Program #CA 31 (TFP3) – Commitment and Communication in Marriage

Focus passage – Genesis 1:27: *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

1) What would you say is the condition of your marriage today? “great, good, ok, or bad? What would your wife say?”

2) What is God’s standard for how men should treat their wives?

“Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”
Ephesians 5:25.

3) What does it mean God made Eve as a helpmate of Adam and not a copy of Adam?

“I will make a helper suitable for him” Genesis 2:18

4) What are ways women are different than men?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5) Can you be a godly man and not love your wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her?

Commitment: I commit to learning how to love my wife as Christ loved the church.

Commitment and Communication in Marriage – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1. Remind the men that what is shared in these meetings is confidential.
5. Listen to the program: “Commitment and Communication in Marriage”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group. Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer: Men are to love their wives as Christ loved the church.
 - b. Question #3 answer: Women were not created by God to be the same as men. Women were created by God to complement (fill in for their weaknesses) them.
 - c. Question #4 answer:
 - 1) Communication: women focus on specifics, men in generalities.
 - 2) Women feel then think. Men think then feel.
 - 3) Men fix things. Women fix relationships
 - 4) Sex: for men, its physical. For women, it’s emotional.
 - d. Question #5 answer: No.
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to commit to helping each other to love their wives in a godly way.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to love my wife as You want me to. In Jesus name, Amen.